

# Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

Movie Theaters Aren't  
a Luxury, No Matter  
What Tax Law Says

The motion picture theaters have renewed their fight to repeal the 2 per cent federal tax on tickets. You will recall that the repealer passed the congress but was vetoed by President Eisenhower. Now a letter to me from W. B. Sockwell of North Little Rock, general manager of United Theatres Corp., which operates the Hope houses, outlines the plight of movie exhibitors as differentiated from the Hollywood movie-makers.

Six thousand theaters have closed since 1946, and a company pamphlet distributed through the local picture-houses goes on to say, "Each closing has a depressing effect on adjacent property values and community economics."

The public associates the picture houses with Hollywood, of course. And yet I learn from the exhibitor end of the business that while the Hollywood studios represent an investment of 180 million dollars the people who own the theaters have a stake of 2½ billions. That is, the gambulant film capital is only 6 per cent of the story—the other 94 per cent is represented by local property and local jobs all over America.

Sockwell tells me, furthermore, that in order to meet the competition of television the movie houses are having to be converted to use new technical developments such as wide-angle screens and stereophonic sound, a conversion which costs \$8,000 to \$20,000 per theater.

It is difficult to meet competition and at the same time lay out new capital when handicapped by a 20 per cent admission tax which isn't borne by the competition. That's the theme of the theater operators.

And it makes a pretty good case, too. Movie houses were set up originally as cheap entertainment for the common people—90 per cent of whom never saw a professional play with live actors. Movies never used to be considered a luxury, and only a confused kind of thinking could possibly classify them as such today.

Let us hope the picture houses are successful this year in persuading the government to repeal the 20 per cent admission tax.

## Rebels Take Priest In Indochina

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French command said today the rebel attackers of the village of Than Thoang succeeded in their prime objective—the capture of its Roman Catholic priest Nguyen Quang An. He has been a fiery fox of the Communist-led Vietminh. He is still missing and may have been killed.

The French said the attack Feb. 12 by 200 Vietminh commandos posing as peasant marksmen took the lives of 10 civilians and possibly 12 of the Catholic militiamen organized by the priest.

The rest of the 2,000 population fled into the surrounding rice fields when the Reds opened up with machine guns, pistols and hand grenades in the market place of Than Thoang, 60 miles southeast of Hanoi in the Red River delta. The commandos, protected by a rear guard of 500 outside the village, then sacked the church and burned down the convents, schools and a third of the mud and straw houses.

Most of the villagers have returned, under the protection of French and Vietnamese army units, to rebuild their homes.

## Chief Witness Weds Defendant

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The prosecution's chief witness has married the defendant, presenting a special problem for the district attorney's office in the trial of a former county employee.

The case opened yesterday with selection of a jury to try Joseph M. Fowler, 29, on charges of robbery and grand theft. Fowler is now wed to the former Corrine Clazebal, 25, in whose bank account a \$760 warrant, allegedly forged, was deposited. Fowler worked for a county collection bureau.

A wife cannot testify against her husband.

## Foster Fox 51, Dies In Texarkana

Foster Fox, age 51, of Texarkana died at 2 a.m. Saturday of a heart attack. He is the brother of M. L. Fox of Hope.

Survived by his wife and daughter, 5 brothers and two sisters.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

## Rev. Story to Preach Here

The Rev. J. W. Story will preach at Garrett Memorial Mission Point on Richard Street each Sunday at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

*A factor in his decision to quit.*

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## Dust Storms Caused By High Winds

By The Associated Press

A big chunk of the nation's mid-dle presented a patchwork weather picture today (Saturday), with the colors shading from dark brown to white.

High winds kicked up heavy dust storms over the Midwest Friday and were followed by heavy snow in some areas Friday night. That accounted for the weird pattern.

Western Kansas, hit hardest by yesterday's duster, came in for a full-fledged blizzard last night. After a day of zero visibility because of dust, the snow moved in to knock out power lines and stall transportation.

Communications with 16 Kansas towns were reported cut off. The highway patrol said all roads and major highways in the northwest corner of the state were blocked by drifting snow. Scott City reported the heaviest snowfall with eight inches.

At least eight passenger trains were reported halted between Kinsley and Garden City, Kan., after automatic signal systems were crippled by ice and snow. Scores of automobiles were ditched and abandoned.

Light snow still was falling early today in the Wichita and Hutchinson areas.

Dust piled up to three inches in streets yesterday and as the rain and snow moved in, mud balls and broken snow fell in some areas.

A dust pall hung over all Texas early today except for the western tip. Low visibility reports included one-half mile at Childress and Wink; three-fourths of a mile in the Beaumont area and one mile at Lukkin and Houston.

Winds generally had calmed over Texas, although some gusts up to 30 miles an hour were reported.

The dust moved into Louisiana last night. Shreveport reported one-fourth mile visibility.

Yesterday's blowing dust was heaviest in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, but also lapped over into sections of Colorado and New Mexico.

Lamar, in southeast Colorado, was hard hit when 65 mile-an-hour winds knocked down power lines and an estimated two-thirds of the television antennas in the city.

Winds in Colorado had died and the outlook for the weekend was for calm, clear and warm conditions.

In Oklahoma, visibility in the extreme west and Panhandle regions still was cut to a mile early today as winds of 35 to 45 miles an hour stirred heavy clouds of dust. Gage, in northwest Oklahoma, got two inches of snow and the eastern section got about an inch of rain.

Rounding out the Friday weather scene were two tornadoes, one at Pine Bluff, Ark., and the other at Conroe, Tex.

Five persons were injured in the Texas twister and 10 buildings damaged. At Pine Bluff, six homes were wrecked and one child injured.

The Weather Bureau said the dust storm was caused by a deep low pressure over Oklahoma that was moving eastward.

Davis Defends Present Farm Programs

DES MOINS (AP) — Asst. Secretary of Agriculture John H. Davis, who soon will resign, today defended present federal farm programs as having helped to prevent an agricultural depression.

This view contrasted with the sharp attacks made on them by Secretary of Agriculture Benson who has contended the programs have tended to price farm products out of markets, create surpluses and bring on government controls.

In a speech prepared for the 16th annual National Farm Institute, Davis said a five per cent decline in farm prices last year should be a matter of concern, and he added:

"Granting that these farm programs are somewhat crude, imperfect, expensive and inefficient, still they have been of great value to all America and to all of the free peoples of the world."

Davis said that the programs which feature high-level farm price supports and production controls had helped stabilize farm prices and prevented "setting in motion a series of events such as those that led to depression during the Twenties and Thirties."

The assistant secretary announced recently that he will give up his post soon to join the staff of Harvard University. Friends have said differences in views with those of Benson on farm policies were

a factor in his decision to quit.

## Foreign Visitor Guest Speaker at Local Rotary Luncheon



## Manion Figures He Talked Self Out of Job

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Clarence E. Manion is a great talker. He seems to think, now that President Eisenhower has fired him, that he talked himself out of a job.

He said recently that in the two years since he resigned as dean of the Notre Dame University Law School he has been in every state making speeches to so many business groups "I have called the roll of American industry."

Last Sept. 4, Eisenhower picked the 57-year-old Manion as his chair man of the important Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

On Feb. 17, Manion announced the White House had sacked him.

The White House gave no reason.

Manion implied it was because he had made public speeches supporting the Bricker amendment on treaties, which Eisenhower opposed.

The President said it would

cost him his hands in foreign affairs.

Sen. Bricker (R-OHIO) proposed a constitutional amendment to limit the scope of treaties so they don't override powers reserved to the states and to give Congress power to regulate other international executive agreements.

Manion is a crusader for decentralizing government and more self-reliance on the part of the states. And in the field of foreign affairs he has strong convictions which may seem unique to Eisenhower in handling Communists.

Although Russian and the Chinese Communists, as disciples of Karl Marx, operate on the theory the United States and other capitalist countries are doomed, Manion, in his 1950 book, "The Key to Peace," suggested:

"Those in charge of our national defense must be made to realize that if the fascinating American story is made plain to our actual and potential enemies military opposition will liquidate itself in a wild scramble to follow the American example."

In that same book, although much of it was devoted to praising the Founding Fathers for their extraordinary wisdom in putting the Constitution together, Manion showed some displeasure with the Constitution as it is.

He no only urged changing it by adding on the Bricker amendment but also another amendment which would limit the power of Congress to spend money.

While Manion seemed to think his advocacy of the Bricker proposal cost him his job, Sen. Alben (R-VT) said from what he had heard of Manion, "I'm afraid he was too conservative to be of value to this administration."

Other Republicans in the Senate bitterly criticized the firing and one member of the commission quit in protest. This was Rep. Noah Mason (R-ID). The 25-man commission was composed of five senators, five representatives, some government agency heads, and distinguished citizens.

In addition to speculation about his views, Manion has been criticized for spending too much time speechmaking in general and not enough in the headquarters of his commission.

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Principal speaker at last week's Rotary Club was Miss Hilga Loew, German teacher, currently visiting and observing local school methods. Pictured from left to right: Kenneth Amrose, Ed Stark, Albert Patten, Jim Cole, Mrs. Jim Cole, Claude Tillyer, Rev. Edmund Pendleton, Bert Rettig, Miss Jones, Terrell Cornelius, Guy Baye, Luther Holloman, James H. Jones, Dr. Ford Henry, Roy Anderson and George Robison. In the bottom picture Miss Loew is talking to the group. The girl lighting the cigarette is James H. Jones, superintendent of Hope schools.

## Getting Boyle Out of A Room Is Like Getting An Armored Division Off On An Invasion

By SAUL PETT

For Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Harold Vincent Boyle, who regularly presides over this space, is off on a three-week vacation.

He left on a Caribbean cruise with Frances and their 7-month-old daughter, Tracy.

Some forest lands will remain withdrawn in Cleburne, Fulton, Izard, Madison, Searcy, Sharp, Van Buren and Washington counties.

The announcement said that the lands released are not suitable for agricultural use, other than low-value woodland grazing.

Department of Interior spokesmen said the designation of land for public entry means that the land is available for possible purchase, lease or homesteading.

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real thing. But then, if we miss the boat, we'll always have enough for bridge."

Somebody asked where the boy's hat was and Boyle, who would buckle under a cap pistol, asked, "Where's my elephant gun?"

Somebody asked about the loose belt and sport shirt on the brown suit case.

"That's mine," Boyle said.

"Why don't you put it somewhere?"

"I'm waiting for Frances to tell me. I'm not going to rush into making any mistakes."

But Boyle did volunteer the helpful information that yesterday, while buying a suit, he met this fellow who sold him a new kind of toothbrush, something called an "oralizer" which "cleans your teeth while it clean your tongue."

Somebody said it was getting late. "That's all right, Frances," Boyle yelled to the back bedroom. "Take your time. The ship's sailing late. The captain forgot his keys."

Getting through the door, Frances wondered aloud about what else she should take for the baby and father wondered aloud whether he should take along his high school diploma.

It took two cars to get us to the ship. Boyle, of course, didn't know which pier. Frances, of course, did. And at the gangplank came the inevitable question:

"Who's got the tickets?"

"Not me," said Boyle as if he had just been accused of a capital offense. Frances, of course, didn't know what the yell with him.

"I won't be satisfied until the one who did it gets it."

## Bill Monroe, Grand Ole Opry Star, Here Monday

Bill Monroe, American folk music singer, and his Blue Grass boys will stage a musical program at the Coliseum at Fair Park Monday night, February 22, starting at 8 o'clock.

Bill has written several outstanding songs, "Kentucky Waltz," "Uncle Pen," "Poison Love." On his program here will be the Shenandoah Valley Trio, and the Blue Grass quartet.

He is one of the most consistent box office attractions for the Grand Ole Opry.

## Democrats For Proposal to Cut Income Tax

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats in Congress massed jubilantly today behind a new proposal to individual income taxes. Republicans, conscious of its political implications, approached the measure warily.

The fresh proposal to provide new tax relief by boosting personal exemptions was sprung unexpectedly yesterday by Sen. George (D-Ga.), ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee who handles tax bills.

George suggested that the personal exemption be raised from the present \$600 to \$600 this year and to \$1,000 next year. He viewed such action as a necessary anti-recession measure.

The George proposal goes further than a like idea sponsored by Democratic member of the House Ways and Means Committee. These House Democrats suggested that the personal exemption be hiked to \$700—but they were beaten 15

## SOCIETY

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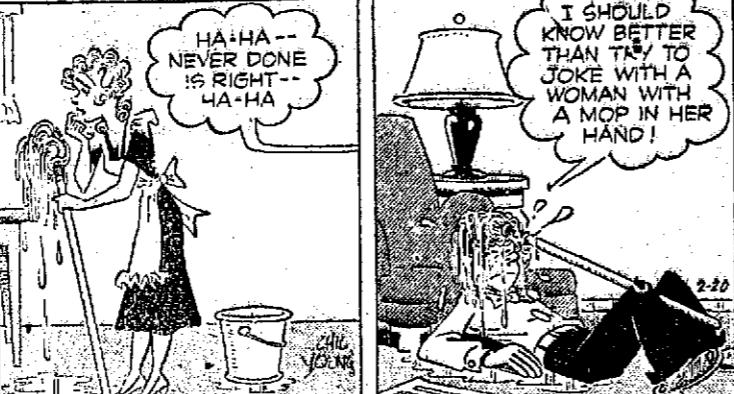
## Calendar

Sunday, February 20  
Melody Maids will meet Saturday morning at ten o'clock at home of Jo Beth Rettig.

Monday, February 22

W. S. C. S. Circle Five of the First Methodist Church will meet Friday, February 22, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Edward Ockenden with Mesdames Dade, Sam Hartfield and Clarkson as co-hostesses. Robert Rider will bring the traditional and Mrs. Virgil Keeley present the second session of "Jeremiah, the Prophet," in a most interesting and unique manner. All

## BLONDIE



By Chick Young

OZARK IKE



By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lang

## Algerian Attempt

ACROSS	51 Oriental porgy	52 Deltinate	53 Cloth measure	54 Property item	55 Stray
1,4 Algerian territory	51 Oriental porgy	52 Deltinate	53 Cloth measure	54 Property item	55 Stray
9 It is in northern part of Africa	56 Town (Cornish prefix)	57 Two chains of mountains divide it from the Sahara	58 Fastener for head covering	59 Lances	60 Fastener for 36 it belongs to
13 Eagle's nest	61 Spotted.	62 Eaten away	63 Refrigerator	64 Avalanche	65 Head covering
14 Rowing tool	65 Tree fluid	66 Scoffers	67 Withdraws	68 Italian poet	69 Tarder
15 African wdm	69 Lamprey-catchers	70 German river	71 Operatic solo	72 Precipitation	73 Breakfast dish (ab.)
16 Chemes	73 Physical constitution	74 Sell in small lots	75 Matched pieces	76 Washes lightly	77 Roman bronze
17 Railway transport officer (ab.)	77 Cited	78 German river	79 School group	80 Observed	81 Scottish sheepfold
18 Emmets	80 Measures of type	81 Small in size	82 German river	83 Observed	84 Great Lake
20 Measures of type	84 Corded fabrics	85 Sell in small lots	86 German river	87 Roman bronze	88 Attic thread
21 Corded fabrics	88 Sheepfold	89 Washes lightly	90 Washes lightly	91 Roman bronze	92 Attic thread
22 Observed	92 Sheepfold	93 Small in size	94 Small in size	95 Washes lightly	96 Attic thread
23 Scottish sheepfold	96 Sheepfold	97 Washes lightly	98 Washes lightly	99 Roman bronze	100 Attic thread
24 Great Lake	100 Sheepfold	101 Washes lightly	102 Washes lightly	103 Roman bronze	104 Attic thread
25 Attic thread	104 Sheepfold	105 Washes lightly	106 Washes lightly	107 Roman bronze	108 Attic thread
27 Surgical thread	108 Sheepfold	109 Washes lightly	110 Washes lightly	111 Roman bronze	112 Attic thread
29 Half-em	112 Sheepfold	113 Washes lightly	114 Washes lightly	115 Roman bronze	116 Attic thread
30 Doctor (ab.)	116 Sheepfold	117 Washes lightly	118 Washes lightly	119 Roman bronze	120 Attic thread
31 Universal language	119 Sheepfold	120 Washes lightly	121 Washes lightly	122 Roman bronze	124 Attic thread
32 Eye (Scot.)	122 Sheepfold	123 Washes lightly	124 Washes lightly	125 Roman bronze	126 Attic thread
33 Pirate once were active here	125 Sheepfold	126 Washes lightly	127 Washes lightly	128 Roman bronze	129 Attic thread
36 Its monetary unit is the French	128 Sheepfold	129 Washes lightly	130 Washes lightly	131 Roman bronze	132 Attic thread
39 Forest creature	132 Sheepfold	133 Washes lightly	134 Washes lightly	135 Roman bronze	136 Attic thread
40 Golf term	135 Sheepfold	136 Washes lightly	137 Washes lightly	138 Roman bronze	139 Attic thread
42 Implement	138 Sheepfold	139 Washes lightly	140 Washes lightly	141 Roman bronze	142 Attic thread
44 Cents	142 Sheepfold	143 Washes lightly	144 Washes lightly	145 Roman bronze	146 Attic thread
45 Age	145 Sheepfold	146 Washes lightly	147 Washes lightly	148 Roman bronze	149 Attic thread
46 Greek portico	148 Sheepfold	149 Washes lightly	150 Washes lightly	151 Roman bronze	152 Attic thread
47 Educational group (ab.)	151 Sheepfold	152 Washes lightly	153 Washes lightly	154 Roman bronze	155 Attic thread
48 Aches	154 Sheepfold	155 Washes lightly	156 Washes lightly	157 Roman bronze	158 Attic thread
50 Altitude (ab.)	157 Sheepfold	158 Washes lightly	159 Washes lightly	160 Roman bronze	161 Attic thread
CARNIVAL	160 Sheepfold	161 Washes lightly	162 Washes lightly	163 Roman bronze	164 Attic thread

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



DUDE IN WET BOOTS

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Troope



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By Dick Turner

AM I AT THE CORRECT ADDRESS TO PICK UP A COAT WHICH IS COMBINED WITH A CHAIR BY SOME STRANGE COMBINATION OF PHYSICAL ELEMENTS?

...MY EMPLOYER, MR. PERCIVAL PLANKINHEAD, HAS PURCHASED THE ARTICLE!

IT'S THE RIGHT ADDRESS, SIR, BUT ALAS! THE COAT IS NOT HERE AT THE MOMENT! IT HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO BOND STREET FOR A CORRECTION IN THE ANGLE OF THE LAPEL BUTTONHOLE!

SEE YOU LATER, DOC!

THAT'S TWICE JAKE HAS SOLD THE INVENTION =

FURTHERMORE, ELLERY WORDEN!

HADN'T WE BETTER GET SOME SLEEP, DEAR?

OH-HHA!

BUGS BUNNY.

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